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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAIR GB

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM AIR GABON

1. AIR GABON DIRECTOR GENERAL SAULNEROND-MAPANGOU ASKED ME JANUARY 17 WHETHER WE COULD HELP HIM LOCATE AMERICAN PURCHASER OF TWO AIR GABON HS-748 AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED SPARE PARTS, WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED PAYMENT ON TOTAL PACKAGE.

2. ACCORDING TO SAULNEROND, AIR GABON SOLD ITS HS-748S AND SPARE PARTS TO MASIN AIRCRAFT HEADED BY AMERICAN CITIZEN JOSEPH MASIN IN ASSOCIATION WITH MAN IDENTIFIED ONLY AS D. SALOMON. TWO KNOWN ADDRESSES FOR MASIN AIRCRAFT ARE (A) POSTFACH 10147 , 5 KOLN 1, GERMANY, AND (B) CARE OF BEDFORD TRADIN INC, APARTADO 5246 PANAMA 5, PANAMA.

3. WHILE MASIN AIRCRAFT PAID IN FULL FOR TWO HS-748S, AGREED PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$320,000 FOR SPARE PARTS HAS NEVER BEEN RECEIVED BY AIR GABON AND COMPANY HAS HAD NO REPLIES TO ITS SEVERAL EFFORTS AT COMMUNICATION WITH MASIN.

4. AIR GABON WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LEADS WHICH DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OR OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS CAN PROVIDE ON MASIN AIRCRAFT AND ANY ASSISTANCE THEY MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO OFFER WITH COLLECTION EFFORTS.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE CAUTIONED SAULNEROND THAT OUR ABILITY HELP WITH COMPANY BASED OUTSIDE US LIKELY BE LIMITED. STEIGMAN

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